



Klein Congratulates Floridian Craig Fugate on Appointment as FEMA Director

Washington, DC – Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today congratulated Florida Emergency Manager Craig Fugate on his appointment by President Obama to serve as Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Fugate, appointed to his current post by Governor Jeb Bush, has won widespread support for his experience as a first responder and his strong management of Florida's Division of Emergency Management.

"Director Fugate will bring invaluable experience to this essential position," Klein said. "After literally weathering the storm of devastating hurricanes in Florida and running one of the most efficient, well-prepared agencies in our state, I have absolute confidence that Director Fugate will be just what the doctor ordered when it comes to running FEMA. President Obama could not have picked a better leader to meet the critical challenges which face this department. I congratulate Director Fugate on his appointment and urge his speedy confirmation by the U.S. Senate."

Fugate has served as director of Florida's Division of Emergency Management since 2001. He will be introduced as President Obama's nominee at an event tomorrow in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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